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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/823,826

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HSIEH, WU-HONG

Examiner

Anita M. King

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 April 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

This is the first office action for application number 10/823,826, Keyboard Instrument Support with Adjustable Ability, filed on April 14, 2004.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because reference character "34" in Fig. 2 does not appear to be referring to a through hole; reference character "51" in Fig. 3 appears to be incorrect and should be --52--; reference character "532" in Figs. 4 and 5 appears to be incorrect and should be --533--; and in Fig. 4A reference character "61" is referring to two different elements, the one on the right should be --65--. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement-drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and

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informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: on page 5, line 23, "(523)" appears to be incorrect and should be --(522)-- and on page 6, line 4, "(*522)" should be --(522)--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informality: in line 10 (applicant's line 11) --the-- should be inserted before "pivotal" (first occurrence). Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the

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invention. It is not understood how the second rotating tube (31), which is depicted as being a square-shaped tube is able to rotate within the first rotation tube (301) which is also depicted as a square-shaped tube in order for the handle (60) and the connector (61) to cause the roller positioned in the seat (302) to rotate causing the support to be adjustable vertically. Based on this rejection, the claims have not been further treated on their merits.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 2, 3, 5-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 2 recites the limitation "the ratchet device" bridging lines 1 and 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.S. Patent 1,927,598 to Schlichter

U.S. Patent 3,311,337 to Gunther et al.

U.S. Patent 3,364,881 to Kooi

U.S. Patent 4,248,161 to Adair et al.

U.S. Patent 4,469,029 to Ramond

U.S. Patent 4,726,556 to Weir
U.S. Patent 5,370,063 to Childers
U.S. Patent 5,408,940 to Winchell
U.S. Patent 5,682,825 to Manner
U.S. Patent 5,706,739 to Shaheen et al.
U.S. Patent 5,941,182 to Greene
U.S. Patent 6,019,050 to Ranta
U.S. Patent 6,378,816 to Pfister
U.S. Patent 2002/0108544 to Hsu
U.S. Patent 6,484,648 to Long
U.S. Patent 6,578,500 to Malizia
U.S. Patent 6,810,820 to Okerlund et al.
U.S. Patent 6,857,378 to Franze et al.
U.S. Patent 6,935,250 to Arnold


The above patents all disclose various types of elevating structures.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anita M. King whose telephone number is (571) 272-6817. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Olszewski can be reached on (571) 272-6788. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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